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MEMORANDUM FOR: *ADPC*

10 November 1949

SUBJECT: Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky and Sergievsky

1. I wish to refer to the Top Secret exchanges had between General Madeneyer and OPC with regard to the proposal made by certain Russians in relation to Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky. I also wish to recall your request to me to study this file carefully and to make some recommendation to you. I recommended on 29 September 1949 that I would favor dealing with Sergievsky in such a manner as to enable OPC to "probe" into his organization. In other words, I would, over an extended period, check and recheck his organization and put it to various tests before proceeding seriously on any large scale. Such an undertaking should be handled by a most skillful operator and I would favor embarking upon it jointly with OSO. Indeed, I should not be surprised if in some way or other, our OSO people had also been approached by Sergievsky's group. I recommend an early discussion of this matter with OSO.

2. In this connection Dr. Hilgar has informed me during a discussion of the significance of the recent appointment of Marshal Rokossovsky as Polish Minister of National Defense that in conversations which he had with General Vlasov the latter frequently referred to Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky as his personal friend and as one of those high Soviet commanders who after the first decisive successes of the Russian volunteers would abandon the Red Army and join Vlasov's movement. Marshal Rokossovsky, Vlasov added, was arrested during the great purge and had never forgotten that the GPU had broken several of his ribs while interrogating him. I should like some expression of your views on this matter in the light of the foregoing.

3. In checking over the file, I note you have written on the cover sheet "for discussion with Col. Schow, Mr. Helas - C. O. and Col. Betts." I have heard nothing further from you in the matter and am wondering about your wishes.

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